

Local High School Pilgrimage Monday, 4/13/2020

Time	Location
8:00-8:30	Arrival Pastoral Center 222 North 17 th Street Philadelphia
8:30-8:45	Travel to The National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia 1166 South Broad Street, Philadelphia
8:45-10:15	Tour St. Rita
10:15-10:30	Travel to Old St. Joseph's Church -10:30 opens 321 Willings Alley, Philadelphia Visit Old St. Mary's Cemetery/Exterior
10:30-11:00	Tour and WMR
11:00-11:30	Travel to Miraculous Medal Shrine 500 E Cheltenham Ave, Philadelphia
11:30-12:05	Intro/History of Miraculous Medal Shrine
12:05	Mass
12:40	Lunch
1:10-2:00	Shrine Tour
1:45	Art Museum Tour/Scavenger Hunt
2:30-3:00	Travel to Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul 1723 Race St, Philadelphia
3:00-3:15	St Katharine Drexel Shrine
3:15-4:00	Tour Cathedral Basilica/Scavenger Hunt
4:00	Closing and Departure
	Sague Bus Service

National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia honors St. Rita's life of charity, perseverance, and devotion. She is a woman whose life experience speaks to people of ages, including youths. She is famous for her willingness to suffer with the wound of a thorn in her forehead that never healed. This shrine contains beautiful 80-foot high painted ceilings and brilliant stained glass windows depicting the life and spirit of St. Rita and St. Augustin.

Old St. Joseph's Church was founded by a Jesuit Missionary from Maryland in 1733 and is the first Roman Catholic Church in the city of Philadelphia. From 1733 until the American Revolution, it was the only Catholic Church in the British Colonies and the only place where a public, Catholic Mass could take place legally. In the early 1800's, it was the site of Diocesan governance and home to early Philadelphia Bishops. St. Joseph University and St. Joseph's Preparatory School trace their founding to this site. The current structure of today is a result of renovations made in 1886 and funded by a bequest from Francis A. Drexel, father of St. Katharine Drexel. Inside the church, find a beautiful statue of St. Francis Xavier, the Patron Saint of the Missions.

Old St. Mary's Church [Part of the Old St. Joseph's Parish]

Old St. Mary's Church was the second Catholic Church in Philadelphia. It was built in 1763 as the Sunday Church for the parishioners of Old St. Joseph's parish. It eventually became its own parish. This church was prominent during Colonial and Revolutionary Philadelphia and was the sight of the first public religious commemoration of the Declaration of Independence which provided religious freedom. Old St. Mary's Church was the first Cathedral of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Philadelphia in 1810.

The Miraculous Medal Shrine is a place where we can learn about St. Catherine of Labourne , a member of the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul and is a Marian visionary. She had several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is believed to have relayed the request from the Blessed Virgin Mary to create the famous Miraculous Medal of Our Lady of Graces worn by millions of people around the world. There are numerous miracles and healing that are contributed to the Miraculous Medal. To this day, the Perpetual Novena has continued uninterrupted each Monday at Mary's "Central Shrine." The Art Museum houses over 400 pieces of Marian art.

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul is the mother church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the largest Catholic Cathedral in Pennsylvania. Modeled after the Lombard church of St. Charles in Rome and is architecturally designed in the Roman Corinthian design and the only Cathedral of this design in the United States. St. Katherine Drexel Shrine is located inside the Cathedral Basilica. Canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II on October 1, 2000, Saint Katharine Drexel is the second American born person ever to be canonized. Born into tremendous wealth as part of the Drexel family, she gave up her life of privilege to found the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891. She dedicated her life to serve the needs of African Americans and Native Americans, and inspired many women, who joined the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, to follow her example. Everything about Saint Katharine Drexel's life as a religious, a foundress, and servant of those in need flowed from her faith and love for the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Videos:

National Shrine of St. Rita: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guY6D6fBqYs>

Old St. Joseph's: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=er95zgnm_sQ

Old St Marys: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=id7_SMiBBzo&feature=youtu.be

Miraculous Medal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZDUPASXs3E>

SS Peter and Paul: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDsgrjviq70>